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本当は頭が良くて美形なのにフガマで甘えん坊なナツと、しっかり者の秀治は、幼馴染で隣人同士。
そんな二人は、友人・征二の兄・圭が経営する中国茶カフェでアルバイトをすることに。
頭脳明晰で一見クールな秀治は、彼が以前よく姿を見かけていたナツの熱狂的なファンだったことを思い出すけれど!?
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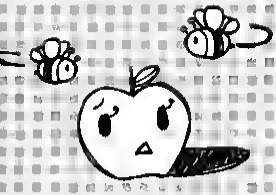
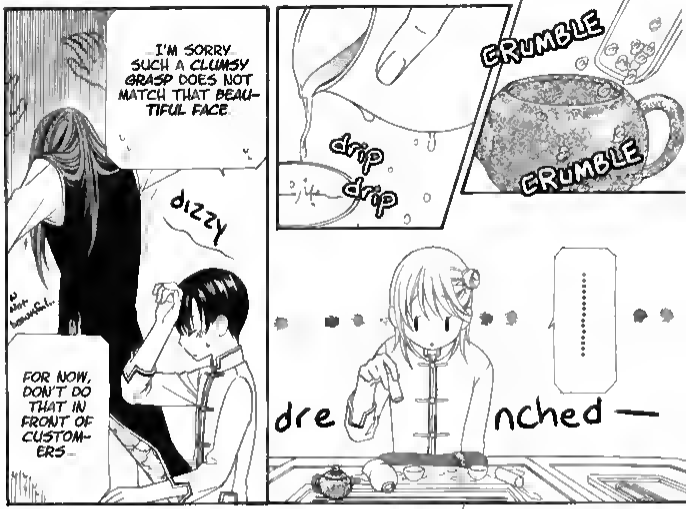


ワガママだけど
Selfish But Adorable
"Things Natsu Can Do By Himself"

Shake
BY APPLYING TIME AND EFFORT IN THIS WAY, AND STEEPING IT BY HAND
YOU DRAW OUT THE COMFORTING FRAGRANCE OF THE TEA LEAVES
tap
POUR
IN THE CHINESE LANGUAGE, "KUFUU"
MEANS "APPLYING TIME AND EFFORT"
I WANT TO PRESENT DELICIOUS TEA AND PROVIDE A RELAXING ATMOSPHERE
THAT WAS THE IDEA BEHIND OPENING THIS SHOP.

IN ORDER TO PROTECT NATSU'S VIRTUE, I'VE RETAINED MY PART-TIME JOB AT THIS PLACE.
SNIFF
SNIFF
THAT SMILING FACE MAKES HIM SEEM LIKE A GOOD PERSON, BUT—
AKIYOSHI RATHER SKILLFULLY TALKED ME INTO IT.
NOW I'M RECEIVING LESSONS IN THE ART OF "KUFUU TEA".
NOW NATSU-KUN IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE?
So small
THAT TEA-POT'S BEAUTY IS EVEN MORE AMPLIFIED IN NATSU-KUN'S HANDS, DON'T YOU THINK? ♡
Chiiked!
DELIGHT MY EYES WITH BEAUTIFUL KUFUU TEA.


I'M SORRY SUCH A CLUMSY GRASP DOES NOT MATCH THAT BEAUTIFUL FACE
dizzy
FOR NOW, DON'T DO THAT IN FRONT OF CUSTOMERS
ERUMBLE
drip drip
ERUMBLE
dre nched —

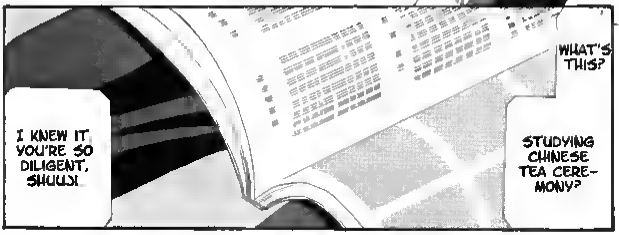
Oooh ouch ouch!
rattle
IDIOT!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SPLASH
AAAH!!
rushe
QUICK, TAKE OFF YOUR—..

hmhmhmhm
hmhm
TH-... THOSE ROVING EYES.....!!
horrified
.....
ST
OP
...GO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES IN THE BACK!!
ACK!
IT'S HOT, SHUU!!
"NOT NOW"?
he still has him in his sights!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXERCISE SUCH VIGILANCE, I WON'T ATTACK HIM.
heh
sudden
NOT NOW, THAT IS.

NOW SHUUJI-KUN, WON'T YOU PLEASE?
OH, YES
POUR
Pour
SHUUJI-KUN IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME PERFORMING KUFUU TEA?
HUH? YES
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
NOT AT ALL
YOU DID VERY WELL

ONE'S EYES ARE NATURALLY DRAWN IN
Sudden
ALTHOUGH HE'S NOT AS SPLENDID AS NATSU-KUN
HIS GESTURES HAVE A TENDER BEAUTY
I CAN SEE WHY HE'S ON YOUR MIND, SEIJI
.....

OH! NO, NO
ELICHI!
SINCE WE'RE DEAD RIGHT NOW, I THOUGHT I'D SAVOR IT A LITTLE. ♡
SORRY IS IT ALREADY TIME FOR A SHIFT CHANGE?
OPEN
AKIYO-SHI


WHAT'S THIS?
STUDYING CHINESE TEA CERE-MONY?
I KNEW IT. YOU'RE SO DILIGENT, SHUU!

UNFORTU-NATELY, MY MEMORY ISN'T AS GOOD AS NATSU'S.
There's still good room to work!
THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS TO REMEMBER
THE EXTRACTION TIME FOR THE TEA LEAVES IS DIFFERENT IF YOU CHANGE THE TEA SET.

BUT EVEN THOUGH HE'S CLUMSY, HE STILL SEEMS TO GIVE IT HIS ALL.
I'LL BE HAPPY IF HE SEES THIS THROUGH TO THE END.
BUT AS FAR AS PUTTING IT INTO ACTION, AREN'T YOU THE ABSO-LUTE BEST?
MY OLDER BROTHER WAS PRAIS-ING YOUR KUFUU TEA, SHUUJI.
TRULY, NATSU...
...DOESN'T SEEM CUT OUT FOR THIS SORT OF WORK, DOES HE?
AT HOME, AT WORK... HAVING TO KEEP AN EYE ON TAKAMI
HUH?
DOESN'T IT EVER GET TIRING?

...TAKAMI'S TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOU TOO MUCH.
THERE HAVE GOT TO BE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO FOR YOURSELF. DOESN'T IT GET OLD?
....OH
I'VE BEEN DOING IT SINCE WE WERE CHIL-DREN, SO IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
I'M..
WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SHUUJI.
AKIYO-SHI..?

TOMOR-ROW MORN-ING
YOU DON'T NEED TO COME AND WAKE ME UP
HUH? DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE A HOLIDAY TOMORROW?
NO
NOT JUST TOMORROW, YOU DON'T NEED TO WAKE ME UP FOR A LITTLE WHILE..
"A LITTLE WHILE"...?
NATSU, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO DO IT OKAY ON YOUR OWN?
EVEN 5 ALARM CLOCKS COULDN'T DO THE TRICK.

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVEN'T DISPLAYED ANY SELF-CONFIDENCE UNTIL NOW?
I'M WORRIED THAT YOU'LL BE LATE YOU'LL GET UP AND GO LIKE USUAL?
clench
I WILL GET UP
WELL, GOOD NIGHT
NATSU
NATSU
?
close
WHY THIS
ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I... I'LL BE FINE!!
IF I CAN GET UP ON MY OWN, THEN I WON'T BE AN ANNOYANCE TO YOU.

HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT MY HEALTH SINCE I WAS BUSY WITH THE PREPARATION FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS FESTIVAL
HASN'T THIS HAPPENED BEFORE?
AND SO NATSU DECIDED HE WAS GOING TO DO THINGS BY HIMSELF
UH OH...
WHAT AKIYOSHI SAID EARLIER...
DID HE HEAR IT...?
yawn
open
SEE YOU LATER!
BIG BRO-THER?

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, BRO?
Ba Dum
!!
DIDN'T NATSU SAY YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WAKE HIM UP?
Pull
C'MON, LET'S GO
AH BUT BUT
HE'S GOING TO BE LATE IF HE DOESN'T LEAVE SOON
IF HE'S STILL ASLEEP
SAME AS ALWAYS
Sheesh...
Badump
EVEN NATSU CAN'T HAVE YOU TAKING CARE OF HIM FOREVER
YOU'VE GOT TO BACK OFF OF HIM BRO
WHAT ? THIS FEELING

CRASH
dash
MATSU?
!!
SUUU !?
I was looking for you!
I JUST WANT TO CHECK ON HIM
close
Sigh
Clink
GO FIGURE HE'S LIKE A PARENT WHO CAN'T LET GO OF HIS CHILD

SH-SH.. SHUU!?
I-IT'S NOTHING! NOTHING!
Hide
NATSU THAT SOUND JUST NOW
DID YOU BREAK A PLATE?
Surprise
HEY, LOOK I WAS ABLE TO GET UP JUST FINE, WASN'T I?
"I WAS ABLE TO GET UP"
HIS EYES, ARE THEY RED..?
DID HE NOT SLEEP..?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME ANYMORE, SHUU.
YOU CAN GO ON AHEAD.
9,000,000 YEN!

THE TIME OF THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL

HE WAS TRYING TO REDUCE SOME OF THE BURDENS THAT I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF DURING THE PREPARATIONS

BOTH OF YOU MAY LEAVE FOR TODAY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

SHUU
I'M GOING TO STAY BEHIND FOR A LITTLE BIT SO I CAN GET SOME PRAC-TICE
AH, SHOULD I STAY TOO?

THIS TIME, MATSU'S CHANG-ING HIMSELF.
SO THAT MY HELP WON'T BE NECES-SARY

I CAN'T SMILE CORRECTLY
SURE OKAY
IF YOU INSIST
BaDuMP
IT MIGHT END UP RUNNING LATE
YOU CAN GO ON AHEAD
SHUU?
badum
WH-WHY?
badum
IS THE SECOND FLOOR ALREADY CLOSED TOO?
THANKS!
OPEN
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

WHERE'S TAKAMI?
HE WANTS TO STAY BEHIND AND PRACTICE.
ALONE?
WOW! ISN'T THAT A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?
.....YEAH.
I GUESS... IT IS.
PUSH
...I UNDERSTAND THAT I SHOULD...
...BE HAPPY ABOUT NATSU'S FEELINGS ON THIS, BUT...

AKIYOSHI, REMEMBER WHEN YOU ASKED "AREN'T YOU TIRED OF TAKAMI TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOU"?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME, WHICH I'M THANKFUL FOR
IT'S JUST THAT...
IT'S HARDER FOR ME TO ONLY WATCH LIKE THIS, AND NOT DO ANYTHING.
CLOSE
...AREN'T YOU GLAD HE'S BEING OBEDIENT?
GRAB
.....! WHY?
IF YOU AREN'T ALWAYS DEALING WITH TAKAMI...
...ISN'T THAT THE ONLY WAY TO BE FREE!?
IT ISN'T THAT I'M NOT FREE
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT I WASN'T FREE

IT'S MY OWN WILL
I CHOOSE TO DO THIS
TO BE BY NATSU'S SIDE
I KNOW IN MY MIND THAT THIS IS JUST SELF-ISHNESS
I UNDER-STAND THIS IN MY MIND...
I WANT TO ALWAYS BE NEEDED.
I WANT IT TO BE THE WAY IT IS NOW

rushk
ACK!
LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN BE SELFISH, TOO, ONCE IN A WHILE.
A-.. AKIYO-SHI?
SO YOU'RE FINE WITH IT?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE HIS PARENTS, YOU KNOW.
trembk
trembk
Cover

ALTHOUGH I APPRECIATE THE ADVICE THAT I'M RECEIVING
ONE HAS TO DO IT WITH THE FEELING OF MAKING DELICIOUS TEA
AND MYSTERIOUSLY IT WILL COME TO BE.
DON'T BE SO STIFF
RELAX...
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S NECESSARY TO BE FEELING UP MY WAIST.
TO BE TOUCHED BY ME.
DOES IT BOTHER YOU?
stroke
HOW COLD!
YOU LET ME DO IT BEFORE.
pull away
IT BOTHERS ME.

SHUUJI-KUN DIDN'T BECOME JEALOUS, DID HE?
!!
NO I DIDN'T.
I DON'T REMEMBER GIVING YOU PERMISSION
CHUPPU
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?
CARESS
PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT TOO SERIOUSLY
SHUUJI-KUN
DON'T YOU WANT TO TRY TO MAKE HIM JEALOUS AGAIN?

I DON'T WANT TO MAKE HIM JEALOUS!
THAT TIME...
IT MADE ME HAPPY WHEN SHUUJI WAS JEALOUS
BUT
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE SHUUJI LOOK LIKE THAT AGAIN

IT'S TRULY SAD THAT CHILDREN GROW UP SO QUICKLY
IN THE PAST...
IT WAS CUTE WHEN YOU SEEMED HELPLESS BEHIND SHUUJI-KUN'S BACK
I'M AFRAID THAT NOW THAT NATSU NO LONER RELIES ON ME, HIS FEELINGS...
MAY HAVE CHANGED.
jingle
WILL YOU PLEASE LOCK UP?
open
heh

BUT THEY HAVEN'T.
EVEN NOW THAT NATSU'S TRYING TO CHANGE
HE'S STILL THINKING OF ME THIS WAY, AND I'M THANKFUL FOR THAT.
CLATTER
SO
MAKE SOME TEA FOR ME?
SHUU?
YOU HAVEN'T GONE HOME YET?

NOPE.
AFTER ALL, WE'RE DOING THE SAME JOB
WANT TO GO HOME TOGET-HER?
Poy
clatter

chew!
drink
DELI-
CIOUS
SO
YOU KNEW
ABOUT
THAT?
OH, BUT IT'S
OKAY!!
I THINK I
CAN DO IT
RIGHT FROM
NOW ON——
gulp
Stare
THIS
CUT
IS THIS FROM
THE OTHER
MORNING
WHEN YOU
BROKE THAT
DISH?

Kiss
Squeeze
Woh!
SH-...!
Woh!
SH-SH-SHUU? WH-WHAT...
AS
AS A REWARD?

I'M NOT BEING RELIED ON, OR BEING ASKED FOR THINGS.
badum badum
badum badum
badum badum
"R REWARD" ?
SOMEHOW
I WANTED TO DO IT.
NATSU
Grab

HA..
...HAA
MM
...!
FU
SHUU
?

MM...
DOES IT FEEL GOOD?
YEAH
I'M HAPPY THAT I CAN MANAGE...
TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD
IDIOT

—CAN I BE INSIDE YOU?
Ha
Ba o ɔ ɔ p
NATSU?
I'M COM-
AH!
AH!
NO !
NATSU STOP!
AH!

.....
AH!
AH!
th
ha
ha
ha
NATSU
squeeze
ha
SHUU HOLD ON TO ME
IT'S OKAY I WON'T MOVE YET

SHUU
I ALWAYS WANT TO BE WITH YOU LIKE THIS
SHUU
THERE ARE DARK CIRCLES UNDER YOUR EYES
IT TAKES AWAY FROM SUCH A BEAUTIFUL FACE.
FACE... IT'S MY FACE AFTER ALL...
?
SHUU

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN TRYING YOUR BEST LATELY.
YOU WERE DOING IT FOR MY SAKE, WEREN'T YOU?
IT MADE ME SO HAPPY
...BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF SO HARD.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU HURT YOURSELF FROM OVERDOING IT
Squeeze
...BUT, I
DON'T WANT TO BECOME YOUR BAGGAGE.

I WANT TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS, BUT
I WANT TO BECOME SOMEONE WHO SPOILS YOU
OKAY.
IT'S BEST TO TAKE IT SLOWLY
I'LL ALWAYS BE WAITING

SHUU...
..
AND AT THAT TIME, I'LL SPOIL YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.
!!
BLUSH
WELL THEN, CAN WE DO IT AGAIN?
HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU INTEND TO DO IT? IDIOT!!
WHACK!
BUT YOU SAID IT WAS OKAY TO SPOIL ME--!
WROOOM!
FOR NOW, DO YOU NEED ME TO SPOIL YOU?
Selfish But Adorable
Things Natsu Can Do By Himself.
END